Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1040 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 3rd March 1955, page 317 supra.]

(*a*) During the year 1953–54 Co-operative Milk Supply Societies in the State were given a free grant of Rs. 8,160 and a loan of Rs. 7,19,093 besides the following other concessions which the Government have sanctioned to these societies from time to time, viz.,—

(1) In respect of contract for the supply of milk to the State hospitals, jails, etc., Government have ordered that their rates even if they are slightly higher than those quoted by other tenderers should be accepted provided the rates quoted by the societies do not exceed their retail rates.

(2) The Milk Supply Co-operatives have been exempted from depositing earnest money while making tenders and from the payment of security deposit varying from 5 to 10 per cent of the total value of articles tendered.

(3) Government have ordered that sales tax should be collected only at a single point, viz., at the point of actual sale of milk to the consumers. All the primary Milk Supply Co-operatives affiliated to the Co-operative Milk Supply Unions were, therefore, exempted from the payment of sales tax.

(4) The Milk Supply Co-operatives have been permitted to remove grass free of cost from the reserve forests and ensilage it for use in summer months.

(5) Veterinary officers have been directed to inspect periodically the milch cattle belonging to the milk supply organizations and the milking centres maintained by them free of charge and also to check their milk records.

(6) Government have stationed breeding bulls at certain Government Veterinary institutions. The animals belonging to the members of milk supply institutions are entitled to free services.

(7) Government sanction subsidy to deserving milk supply societies to meet 50 per cent of the cost of breeding bulls to be purchased by them and maintained for the benefit of their members.

(8) Municipal councils and district boards have been permitted to construct pucca sanitary cattle shed and rent them on easy terms to milk supply societies.

(9) Loans are sanctioned for the purchase of milch animals as also for the purchase of motor lorries to facilitate the transfer of milk.

(10) The Government provide staff free of cost to supervise financially weak societies in deserving cases.

(*b*) 56,963.